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MEMORANDUM FOR: 25X1A9a  
FROM: Deputy Director (Intelligence)  
SUBJECT: Ceilings

1. In a conversation with DCI, 31 July, I advanced the view that the general principle on which an over-all ceiling should be applied to the Agency should be that of preserving, roughly speaking, intact the intelligence activities of the Agency, including the ID/I area and FI, and concentrating any shrinkage on the policy implementation people, such as the PP and PM. With virtually no hesitation, he acceded to this as a general guide in policy.

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2. He then inquired by how much the DD/I area might be cut without seriously affecting its projected work. I stated that the loss of [REDACTED] positions from the present [REDACTED] would be manageable but that anything more than this would be serious.

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3. I said that there were "rumors" that the maximum relief the Agency might get from its 30 June on-duty figure would [REDACTED] of which ID/I's pre rata share would be only [REDACTED]. He denied that the Agency would settle for anything as small [REDACTED] and assured me that we would have a chance to grow by [REDACTED].

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4. The merit in this is, of course, that relief from the ceiling freeze will be much easier to obtain for a specific PP projects than for an amorphous mass such as the relief research activities.

5. Will you, therefore, please be tough with ID/A during the coming week, but do not disclose the contents of this memorandum except in the most general sort of way.

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